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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Yuichiro YAMADA, et al. Art Unit: 2815
Serial No.: 10/616,981 Examiner: J. Clark
Filed: July 11, 2003
For: SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP, WIRING BOARD AND MANUFACTURING
PROCESS THEREOF AS WELL AS SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of May 12, 2004,
Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-13 and 30-33, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction
Requirement. No unduly extensive or burdensome search would be required
to examine the various claims of the noted Groups in the same
application. MPEP §803 states:

"If the search and examination of an
entire application can be made without
serious burden, the Examiner *must*
examine it on the merits even though
it includes claims to distinct or
independent inventions." (Emphasis

added)

In the present case, the search for all pending claims together would not
be burdensome.

Moreover, from the standpoint of costs to the Applicants involved
in filing, issuance and maintenance fees relating to separate
applications if the present Restriction Requirement is maintained, it is

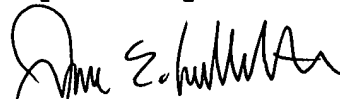
clear that there is substantially more burden on Applicants by imposing the present Requirement than on the Patent Office if the Requirement were withdrawn.

In addition, it is noted that to require the claims of the various Groups to issue in separate patents would result in inconvenience to the public by necessitating reference to more than one patent during searching, to review closely related subject matter.

Therefore, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is warranted.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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